

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	Amjad Ali, et al.		
Serial No.:	10/551,933	Case No.:	21150P
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For:	SELECTIVE SPIROCYCLIC GLUCOCORTICOID RECEPTOR MODULATORS		Examiner: Loewe, Sun Jae Y.

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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2009, setting forth a shortened period for response ending April 7, 2009. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Any additional fees required in connection with this application may be taken from Merck Deposit Account. No. 13-2755.

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